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MARRIAGE.

At Shanghai, on the 24th March, 1896, at H.L. German, Registrar, the following marriages were solemnized: KARL WILHELM LOUIS EMIL MULLER and MARY MAURE MCANULTY.

At Shanghai, on the 26th of March, 1896, FLORENCE MARY, the beloved wife of J. DRAKE-BENTLEY, aged 27 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 7th, 1896.

The decision of the Government not to supply all the papers asked for by the Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD in connection with the proposed reconstruction of the Sanitary Board is as surprising as it is unjustifiable.

At the luncheon given to Sir CLAUDE MAC DONALD on Saturday the Colonial Secretary, in proposing "Success to Hongkong," said: "Hongkong has not been established many years, but during those years it has proved itself a colony which can succeed."

"What that success may be owing to may be doubtful, but there can be no doubt about this fact, that it is due not only to the Army and to the Navy but to the energetic and go-ahead community inhabiting it. I feel certain that so long as this community is composed of inhabitants such as we see around us here to-day Hongkong will continue to develop with strides which will surprise us all."

The go-ahead community referred to has a right to know what representations have been made to the Secretary of State to induce him to believe that as a community it is unfit or unable to take any part in the management of its own affairs. There can be nothing that ought to be considered confidential in the official correspondence that has passed; on the contrary, the commonest principles of fair-play demand that the community should be afforded an opportunity of knowing what has been said to its detriment and of replying to it if so desired.

Mr. WHITEHEAD has given notice of his intention to bring forward a resolution on the subject at the next meeting of the Legislative Council, but as the Government has already announced its decision not to produce the papers asked for, the hon. member's resolution will no doubt be negatived by the official phalanx. The issue must then be moved to the House of Commons.

The colony has friends in Parliament who will be glad to give their assistance in the matter and when the papers are asked for in the House no doubt they will be duly tabled, for there can be no high reasons of state to the contrary and their production could not in common fairness be denied. All that, however, will take time and in the meanwhile the Bill for the reconstruction of the Board may have been passed, unless the Government should wisely abandon the measure, which is scarcely probable.

Then will be the time for the public unhesitatingly to declare itself. A suspending clause will no doubt be introduced, so that the Bill will not become law until it has received the sanction of Her Majesty, and this will afford the public an opportunity of petitioning against it. Mr. CHAMBERLAIN seems to have paid considerable attention to the grievances of the Undersiders in the Transvaal, and he will not turn a deaf

ear to the grievances of the British residents of this British colony. Like the Undersiders, we have no measure of local self-government, and we are called upon to pay extravagantly for the cost of an administration of which form the majority of the inhabitants disapprove. A few years ago a policy of economy in the administration was promised; but, as shown by the return laid on the table of the Legislative Council the other day, instead of a reduction having been effected, the cost of salaries and pensions has risen to nearly a million dollars, and the colony is left without funds for the prosecution of urgently needed public works.

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Our contemporary the *Peking and Tientsin Times* in its last issue prints without comment the censure's account for the 11th banquet. We presume this is meant for a quaint and significant allusion to the fact that the banquet was held on a halfpenny worth of bread to an intolerable deal of sack, but so no one can say that of the North China Amphytrionians; their "wiles," as *Walter* would have it, ran to \$720, which is a very small price to pay for a tradition in Shanghai that Tientsin men took off their coats to drink, so seriously did they mean business. The present evidence would show that the Tientsin men are not nearly so fond of a tradition in Shanghai that Tientsin men took off their coats to drink, so seriously did they mean business. The present evidence would show that the Tientsin men are not nearly so fond of a tradition in Shanghai that Tientsin men took off their coats to drink, so seriously did they mean business.

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Our contemporary the *Peking and Tientsin Times* in its last issue prints without comment the censure's account for the 11th banquet. We presume this is meant for a quaint and significant allusion to the fact that the banquet was held on a halfpenny worth of bread to an intolerable deal of sack, but so no one can say that of the North China Amphytrionians; their "wiles," as *Walter* would have it, ran to \$720, which is a very small price to pay for a tradition in Shanghai that Tientsin men took off their coats to drink, so seriously did they mean business. The present evidence would show that the Tientsin men are not nearly so fond of a tradition in Shanghai that Tientsin men took off their coats to drink, so seriously did they mean business.

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